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Barque Russell of N Bedford

on a Voyage to the

Pacific Ocean

Shubael Worth Commander

1831, '32, '33 & '34

David Dodge Jr

from the Lat 35° S. Long 62° West

Falkland Islands	N 31° E	242 miles
Trinidad Island	" 38 "	2360
Cape St Augustine	N 27° W	820
Equator Long 35	N 37 W	630
" to Lat 5° N	North	300
Block Island	N 43 W	2[illegible]
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Thus at the going down of the sun i found myself at the g once more bidding adieu to my native shore under [illegible] c m pe—

November 14th At 4 A.M. all hands turned out and hove short. At 5 the Captain and Pilot came on board. Weighed anchor, made all sail and steered down Buzzard's Bay with a fair wind. At 8.30 the Pilot left us and we stood to sea.
Stowed the anchors, unbent the chains, secured things about the decks &c &c — At sun down lost sight of the land. —— " ——

—— " —— " ——

November 29th Thus far we have been favored with fair winds; and, although the first part of our passage was unusually boisterous, ~~still~~ we have rapidly proceeded on our course, without any casu of note. — The two last days we have been as the Cape de Verd Islands, and today a boat we on Shore at Fogo with the Captain — Some oran and a few fowls were obtained and brought on boa At 5 P.M. left Fogo — — —

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Dec. 6th Moderate breezes and very fine weather drawing near to the Equator —
At 5 P.M descried a shoal of Sperm wha Lowered all the boats in pursuit of them. One only was captured (by the starboard boat) — a bbl whale —

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Jany 26th 1832 — After a run of 74 days fr N. Bedford, at 9 A.M. descried Staten Isl bearing Southerly & Easterly — An English Sh off the weather quarter and an American Sh off the weather bow [illegible] At

At 11 A.M. closed with the American Ship and Spoke with her. She proved to be the Uncas of Falmouth, from thence for the Pacific, 74 days out. Kept company throughout the day, and our Capt went on board of her —

Weather in the morning fair and cool with a fine breeze from the westward. — Middle and latter parts moderate and pleasant. — At 7 P.M. Staten Island distant about 5 miles southerly —

—— " —— " ——"

Talcahuano.

Nothing more than ordinary occurred in our passage round Cape Horn. We encountered several severe gales, but our little ship made good weather, and proved an excellent sea boat; — ~~no accident happened~~, and after a fortnight's tossing about we found ourselves ~~past the~~ west of the promontory - with our head to the northward and rapidly advancing into the Pacific waters —

It was the intention of our Capt to stop at Talcahuano, coast of Chile; but, owing to the condensed state of the atmosphere, erroneous altitudes were obtained for the time, and (running by Chronometer reckoning) we fell to leeward of the port — Corrected our reckoning and bore away for Callao.

The weather along the coast of chili, was boisterous and the wind fair. In ~~the~~ latitude 30° S — shipped a sea which took the larboard ~~away~~ quarter boat away. Hove the ship too, and lowered another boat hoping to get her again but the attempt proved abortive.

March 2 saw the peaks of the Cordilleras mountains — in Peru — above the clouds and on the 5th, arrived in Callao after a passage of 114 days from the U. S. A. - all well — We lay in Callao 7 days - recruited with fresh provisions, and a stock of potatoes, cabages for their &c. Each watch had 3 days liberty on shore

March 12th Sailed from Callao for a cruise.

We cruised the first months about the Gallipagos Islands and between ~~them~~ those Islands and the Coast — frequently falling in with large shoals of Sperm whales but owing to their being uncommonly shy we were not very successful in capturing them —

In the month of June we anchored in James Island harbour where we lay a few days, and took on board about 150 Terapin — which are the best sea stock that I have ever seen —

After leaving James' Island we cruised some time near the equator, and on the 21st July anchored at Tecamas a small port which lies in 30' North — Here we filled up our water and obtained an abundance of Oranges, pine apples, banannas &c —

These Islands lying between the latitude of 2° South & the Equator and between the longitude of 86° @ 92° West are mountainous and for the most ~~greater~~ part ~~nearly or quite~~ barren — The Prickly Pear and Cabbage Tree are found however growing spontaneously upon the most rocky places ~~and~~ even where there appears nothing to nourish them but the masses of congealed ~~lava~~ or broken volcanic lava upon which they feebly ~~if~~ rooted ~~at all~~ they thrive in abundance — Yet in some of the vallies and upon the summits of many of the mountains there is a rich soil and in some of them water is found — — There are many good harbours about these Islands and they abound in Terapin which makes it an object for whale ships to stop at them. At Charles' Island there is a settlement of about seventy families, called the "Colony of Floriana" under Governor (Valismil), to whom, in a partnership with several other officers, the Island has been given in remuneration for their services by the Mexican Government — I shall give an account of the flourishing condition of the colony hereafter —

After leaving James's Island ~~Tecamas~~ we cruised some time near the equator and on the 21st July anchored at Tecamas a small port that lies in 50' north latitude. Here we filled ~~up~~ our water casks, and obtained an abundance of oranges pine apples, banannas &c — took on board a supply of wood and some swine —

The inhabitants here are nearly all native Mexicans — they appear to be a very innocent and very hospitable people — shew the greatest respect to strangers — and it seems that they almost idolize the Governor of the Province who is a native of France — Nature has been ~~so~~ lavish of her bounties in this place ~~that~~ Groves of oranges, plantains, cocoanuts, &c abound and the earth yields its produce unaided by culture — Hence the inhabitants are very indolent ——

From Tecamas we beat up the coast — cruised a short time ~~whale~~ off Paita Head, took 100 bbls of oil — and on the 7th Sept. anchored in Paita harbour. description of P. 15 & 16 pages

At Paita we found a number of ships some of which sailed from the U. S. about the same time as ~~with~~ ourselves — They had all been more successful than we had, having been cruising on the western ground, and fallen in with many whales —

We lay at Paita a week — recruited with potatoes and onions — Each watch had three days liberty on shore.

From Paita we proceeded directly to James's Island where we arrived the 24th Sept — took on board a stock of wood and supply of terapin and sailed again on the 2d of October for a cruise upon the western ground

October 10th we were in the latitude of 5° South and long. 100° west. From that time to the 2d of the following Feby we cruised between the equator & 12° South latitude and between 100° & 110° west longitude. We fell in with many ships but ~~found~~ the whales were scarce. Notwithstanding, we were so fortunate in capturing what we saw, that we took

Seven hundred barrels of oil during that time; which I believe was nearly double the quantity that any other Ship got ~~during that time~~ upon the same ground —

Feby 3d 1833 — We left the latitude of 3° South and longitude of 105 West, bound to Talcahuano. — We had a pleasant, though tedious passage being 42 days (the 17th March) before we reached our port.

Talcahuano lies in the latitude of 36°.41′ South and longitude of 73°.12′ west. It is situated at the head of an extensive bay, which is formed by the Island of Carrecina, and about N. N. W, 9 miles distant from Conception, of which city it is the Sea port. There is anchorage in the bay, and the harbour is commodious. The shipping ride with the greatest ease and safety from all winds except northers, which blow directly into the bay and cause a heavy ~~sea~~ swell to roll into the harbour. It is seldom however that a ship drags her anchors, the ground being very good to hold —

The Chilians are a hardy and industrious people. — They are of ~~the~~ middling stature, — generally coarse featured and of brown complexion. (there are however exceptions, especially among the female sex some of which are fair, and would be thought ~~handsome~~ in Europe or America. Even the brunettes, with their open countenances, keen black eyes, jet black hair, and easy graceful deportment are irresistibly attracting. —) They appear to be a very ingenious people — free and easy in their manners and honorable in their dealings; much more so than the Europeans & Americans many of whom are residents among them. — The country

The country is fertile and the climate ~~healthy~~ (excepting the small pox, which is a prevalent disease) healthy. The products of the soil are similar to what are produced in the opposite same parallel of latitude in the United States. Orchards of apples, pears peaches, trees ~~and vineyards of grapes~~ are found growing spontaneously among the valleys, which yield ~~the fruit~~ ~~extatically~~ an abundance of fruit — and the grape vines are seen bending to the ground overloaded with ~~the rich~~ ~~exuberance of yellow~~ and purple clusters — Cattle and horses are abundant and are sold at very low prices, ~~Cattle and horses are~~ a good horse being worth only ~~about~~ a doubloon and a bullock not more than half that sum —

Talcahuano is ~~the best~~ a convenient port for ~~a~~ whale ships to recruit at and every article that is necessary for ships bound on a long cruise may be obtained at lower prices than any other port on the coasts of Chile or Peru if we except Valparaiso —

~~Our~~ We remained eleven days in port during which time we painted ship, filled our water casks, ~~and~~ took on board a good recruit of vegetables and fruit and a live bullock for sea stock — ~~The~~ The ship's company had four days liberty on shore

On the 29th of March we sailed from Talcahuano for a cruise ~~and on~~ the 31st we lay off and on Valparaiso harbour, and left our carpenter (who ~~had been~~ lamed several months by a bruised ancle) on board the United States frigate Potomack — From thence we made a straight course for the latitude of 5° South and longitude of 105° West, where we arrived after three weeks passage of very fine weather there we fell in with a great many ships and during the the month of May saw many whales but the rapidity with which they moved rendered it next to an impossibility for a boat to get near them (unless so fortunate as to fall in ahead of them, and in that manner come in contact) consequently our success was but trivial, having at the end of May taken only one whale. In the months of June and July the whales were scarce. We however were more fortunate in taking what few we fell in with ~~and at~~ the experation of that time ~~we~~ had added about two hundred barrels to our fare. ~~The~~ Most of the ships had left or were now about leaving the ground for Port, to recruit generally with very bad success, and as ~~there~~ the prospect did not appear favorable, our Capt thought it best to follow the general movement. Accordingly in the beginning of August we trimmed all sail by the wind on the southern tack and left the latitude of 5° South and longitude 10° West bound ~~of the coast~~ for the most convenient port as the winds may ~~at~~ favor. On the 7th instant we were in ~~the~~ latitud 12° South and longitude 110 West and at 12 noon descried a sperm whale two miles distant from the ships. The ~~whales~~ boats were immediately lowered in pursuit and at 2 P.M. we had the whale alongside ~~to the ship~~. Three days after we fell in with and captured two other large whales, which with the former made nearly 200 bbls oil. The weather was very fine while we were taking care of this fare, but we had no sooner got the oil below decks than the South East trades began to freshen and in a short time blew a ~~gale~~ heavy gale. This would have rendered our progress to the southward very slow had we attempted it, but our Commander thought it more prudent to put the ships head to the N. & E which was done and in a few days we were again in lat 5 South and long 105 West.

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The weather was vague, but ~~the~~ whales were upon the ground in abundance and there was none but one other ship in ~~the~~ that vicinity ~~where we were~~. We lay for 28 days upon this ground under double & close reefed topsails and took in the time 800 bbls oil. ~~we found~~ there was not the least difficulty in capturing, always having the whales under our lee and yet we considered ourselves fortunate that no accident happened as we were obliged to run the boats on to them in all weather. Not a boat was cracked — Having now made a good season's work we set about getting into port in good earnest and again made sail with our head to the southward. Our movement was very tardy the winds being light and adverse so that we had to run up the latitude of 36° South before we got a wind that would allow us to make our easting in consequence of which we did not arrive at Callao until the 14th Novr having been 7½ months out of sight of land and having on board ~~[illegible]~~ 2000 bbls sperm oil —

At Callao we ~~found~~ saw the ~~whale~~ United States frigate Potomack and Schr Dolphin, ~~his majesty's ship~~ the British frigate Dublin and two French sloops of war together with many merchantmen and whale ships of which latter ~~a number~~ ~~had been our consorts~~ several had cruised in company upon the western ground and had now no more oil than when we parted from them about the 1st August. There were the Ship Baltic of Nantucket 26 months out 1200 bbls — Barque Octavia of New Bedford 27 mo 700 — Barque Flora of do — 23 mo. 300 —

A few days previous to our leaving the western ground one of our harpooners Prince N. Robinson was taken unwell, and it was first supposed that his complaint was scorbutic ~~upon [illegible]~~ but ~~his~~ the subsequent symptoms did not ~~warrant the last~~ ~~[illegible]~~ He ~~[illegible]~~ the proved contradictory

Still gradually grew feeble and at the time of our arrival was reduced to a very low state. Immediately after he was removed to the shore where he had every attention both medical and otherwise and appeared to be improving — the most urgent symptoms being apparently removed — until ~~the 2 o'clock~~ of the 22^{d} inst at noon when a sudden change took place and at 2 P. M he expired. The doctors imputed his sudden demise to the rupture of an abscess upon the lungs. — On the day following his ~~mortal~~ remains were consigned to their last earthly tenement in the European and American burial ground upon the island of St. Lorenzo nine miles distant from [illegible]. The funeral was attended by a respectable procession ~~in~~ boats to the island and the ritual service was very impressively performed by the chaplain of His Britannic Majesty's ~~Frigate~~ Ship Dublin —

The deceased was about 22 years of age a native of Sandwich Massa^{tts} of conspicuously bright talents, and ~~promised~~ bid fair to reach the acme of his ~~profession~~ calling in a short time — Every Officer and seaman on board esteemed him highly while living and after his death paid him the tribute due to his worth in unfeigned sorrow. The following impromptu sprung from the occasion —

With health and youth and vigour crowned
He crossed o'er ocean's breast
Now low beneath a rising mound
His body lies at rest

Afar from home and kindred dear
He drew his latest breath
Encircled round his humble bed
Kind friends have mourned his death.

Afar from home and kindred dear
He drew his latest breath
Encircled round his humble bier
Kind friends have mourned his death

He rests — though on a foreign shore
His mortal part must lie,
That which still liveth, evermore
Shall abide with God on High —

The harbour of Calleao is said to be situated where the former city of Lima (destroyed by an earthquake A.D.) stood. It is formed by point ~~of land~~ projecting south westerly from the main land 1½ miles, and the island of St Lorenzo which lies a few miles without the point— The passage into the harbour is generally made to leeward of Lorenzo although there is a good channel between that and the main land, through which ships of the largest class may pass with safety; and this is the passage ~~through which~~ sailed through by ships at the time this harbour ~~Calleao~~ was blockaded by Lord Cochrane. The S.E. trade wind constantly prevails here and renders ~~the~~ it a very smooth and fine harbour for riding, and it is so extensive that five hundred ships may ~~be~~ ride ~~too~~ at the same time —

Stop here Lima lies about nine miles inland from Calleao, near the base of ~~a mountain~~ towering Cordilleras — ~~It is laid~~ The plan of it is similar to that of Philadelphia in the U.S. in oblong square — the streets running North & South & East & West, which are paved, with walks on both sides and have a drain in the middle to convey the filth from the city. ~~The~~ water works are so arranged above that with the gently declivity of the city, a stream ~~is~~ [illegible] continually running through the drains which gives the streets a very pleasant appearance —

// The houses are built some of one but generally two stories high — framed of wood — the frame being closely interwoven with laths — on either side of which they are covered with mud or mortar constituting the walls — have ~~a~~ piazzas over the basement story jutting into the streets, and are ~~generally~~ mostly whitewashed on the outside

The palace square is the most showy as well as the most business part of the city. It is centrally located with the palace (the residence of the President and officers of Government) on the north a magnificent cathedral on the east, and blocks of handsome buildings — having arcades in front — on the south and west. These blocks together with the basement stories of the palace fronting the square are appropriated as stores. On the south side are kept fancy and dry goods, on the ~~north~~ hard ware and on the west shops of almost every description. Under the arcades the ground is paved with very small and very handsome stones having a flat ~~side~~ for the surface which renders them almost as smooth and much more durable than brick or tile walks. Here the shopkeepers hang out their goods for public view and to attract the attention of buyers; and these goods, together with a line of elegant show cases extending along the outside of the arcades set off with jewels and fancy articles tastefully arranged, make a splendid appearance. In front of the arcades, on the square there is ~~a~~ booths or stalls, under where goods are exposed for sale during the day and removed at night-fall. In the centre of the ~~square~~ stands a ~~fountain~~ brass fountain formerly of ~~considerable consequence~~ a handsome ornament, but now inactive and out of repair ~~and not supplied with water~~ —

The palace recedes from the square in a quadrangular form, and occupies that space of ground in the plan of the city — Its outward appearance has nothing imposing to attract the eye of a stranger but rather, in my view of view a forbidding aspect, as much resembling the Cells of a prison as what ~~they are~~ it is — I was informed however that the magnificent style of ~~its~~ its interior richly compensates the beholder for the mean appearance of the exterior

The churches ~~are~~ of my authority is now sixty five in number — built much in the manner of those in Spain — some of them in good repair and grand appearance ~~and~~ others going to decay with old age and for want of care; — and this last fact I am informed has arisen from the impoverished state of the Peruvian since the the revolutions and counter-revolutions that have devastated the country — I was much astonished however in the costly splendour of one that I entered — the crucifix and statues of gold and silver — the richness and elegance of the paintings with the hangings of damask velvet bordered with gold; these, with every thing else in equal style and splendour — far exceeded all that I had ever seen of the Catholic churches in Europe —

As ~~With~~ respects the ~~inhabit~~ ~~Peruvians~~ manners, customs of the people I have had but a limited opportunity for judging; — From what I have seen however I infer that civility & hospitality are conspicuous traits — especially among the better classes — of Peruvian character — ~~The Ladies~~ fair — ~~Like other [illegible]~~ many of whom in my opinion have a just claim to beauty — ~~according to my~~ are highly skilled in horsemanship and it is not only their general manner of travelling but also a favorite exercise and amusement — their manner of riding — astride — may at [illegible] first ~~sight~~ appear ludicrous to one unaccustomed to such a sight; — but upon better acquaintance, dislike will vanish if not turn to admiration — ~~their dress consists~~ This method of travelling is general — among all classes; — and the produce for market is likewise brought in from the country on the backs of mules or asses —

The climate is mild and like many others tropical is subject to epidemical complaints. The heat in the summer is oppressive and foreigners it is said, though they may ~~still~~ for a while hold out, seldom become acclimated, but are generally undermined in constitution and either become the victims of disease, or save themselves by removing to higher latitudes —

Rain seldom falls here and vegetation is sustained by the heavy night dews — The products of the soil are similar to those of other tropical climes —

Our anchorage was without the flat which screened the town from view, and from the appearance of the castle and fortifications — in good keeping and of considerable consequence together with the men of war, merchantmen, whale ships, and coasters lying in the harbour, I had preconceived an opinion that Callao was a place of no small size and importance, but in this I was disappointed. The town is as mean and dirty as can well be conceived — it consists of one street running about half a mile with the curvature of the bay having three or four others intersecting it and running back about one eighth of that distance; another street or lane running across these, and an open market placed in its rear. It has also a convenient mole or wharf for the reception and shipping of cargoes and landing for boats — These with the exception of the road leading to the Capitol make the plan of the sea port —

The buildings — excepting some half a dozen commercial houses, a hotel and the residence of the Capt of the Port of loftier and better appearance — are one story high, of wood frames — plastered with mud, the interiors of which are ceiled with planed boards — the partitions if any there be of the same and floors of tile — The commercial houses

houses — fronting the main street — which is paved about half its length — are two stories high and of an oblong square. The ground floors are occupied for stores, and the upper stories are the dwellings of the merchants — The hotel and house occupied by the Capt of the Port a [illegible] in the same style — As for the common buildings, they are occupied for the double purpose of shops and dwellings ~~[illegible]~~ the inhabitants being [illegible] either mechanics, or in some sort of ~~trade~~ trade ~~and~~.

The road leading to the Capital is — for the first half over a ~~dry~~ sandy and apparently waste plane of land — It is macadamized with small beach stones the first mile, after which there is nothing but native soil, until entering ~~the~~ an avenue called the Almeda which commences about a mile from the ~~walls~~ the gates of the City — On either side of the Almeda — ~~without the walls~~ — there are two rows of willow trees having foot paths and a running stream between them, and along the walls at intervals are placed seats of brick plastered and white washed; altogether casting an air of comfort around; — of course the Limaneans make it a favourite resort for a walk or lounge —

About two and a half miles from Callao — a short distance to the right from the road is the remains of Bela Vista, — once a town of considerable size, but from the combined devastations of wars and earthquakes it is now only a mass of ruins

Whilst lying at Callao we coopered our oil from between decks & restowed it — painted ship, — got a supply of water and good recruit of vegetables, — Each watch had three days liberty —

Nov. 30th Sailed from Callao — in Co. with the Ship Messenger of N.B. 27 months out 500 — for Paita
Charles Id
and a cruise — Dec. 6th P.M. made Paita head and lay off and on there during the night — 7th lay off and on Paita harbour — a boat plying between the ship and shore through out the day — landing sundry articles and bringing off Onions &c — At sundown all hands on board made sail and stood to sea
At Paita Ships Amazon of F. Haven — 6 mo out 15 bbls ~~and~~ Stephania of N.B. 17 mo out 600 —
Fell in with and old acquaintance and schoolfellow C — N — on board the sealing Schr. Camp[illegible] of London ~~lying~~ at this place —

Sunday 15th after a pleasant run from P[illegible] having taken fifty bbls landed in Charles ~~Island harbour~~ where we lay 7 days —
took on ~~board the terrapin~~ and ~~7 boat loads of wood~~ —
Ship Sea [illegible], Weston of N.B. arrived the 17 from [illegible] — 24 mo ~~out~~ 1350 bbls — (Ship Cyrus of Nantucket arrived the 21 — 14 mo out 500 bbls —

Paita ~~is~~ has been a general rendezvous or recruiting port for whale ships that have cruised on the coast of Peru; but, on account of their being [illegible] recruited at Pisco, Callao & Selango and some few at the [illegible] ~~Straits~~ [illegible] of the best on the coast — Delgado at the head of a bay which makes in some ~~twenty~~ 15 or 18 miles deep just to leeward of ~~the~~ a bluff headland or promontory generally called Paita head [illegible] [illegible] and is completely [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

town it may be called — is ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] and filthy as [illegible]
The town [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~
a [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] length or three ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], being covering about half a mile square of ground
lower declivity
at the foot or upon the ~~[illegible]~~ of a high sand hill — streets
in lieu of them are
there are none; but what appears to be as a mile [illegible]
there are ~~lanes~~ some twenty or more lanes crossing each other at right
angles and many of they will hardly allow two persons to walk
abreast —

[illegible] [illegible] are of bamboo and straw, in the way
The inhabitants ~~are a lazy~~.
of trade in some sort or other of which they are mostly [illegible]
and although they are so impoverished in appearance
appear to have plenty of ~~[illegible]~~ money —

No fresh water here ~~and the town is~~ [illegible]
and all that is ~~[illegible]~~ made use of is brought [illegible]
from a village about twelve miles down the coast

The whole coast as well as the interior so far as
the eye extends is one [illegible] mass of sand hills
and plains — a more dismal looking country I
have never seen —

Potatoes and onions are of better quality here than
most other places; and when ~~there are~~ not the fleet in port
around [illegible] they may be attained at low prices —

of 8 days
Sunday 16th After a pleasant run from T— during
which time we took 50 bbls oil — anchored in Charles
Island harbour —

This island as we have before said has been given
to several meritorious officers in remuneration for services
a settlement of ~~about~~ 70 families called Floriana is planted here
by the Mexican Government — Col. Williams — a native
of the United States presides as Governor ~~of the Colony~~ —
~~of the Colony~~

He is said to be a man of brilliant talents — unassuming and unostentatious manners — and in every respect adequate to the commanding ~~situation~~ station ~~in~~ which he ~~is placed~~ holds — His zeal for the welfare and increase of the colony seems unlimited; and there is ~~good reason to~~ every probability that ~~the colony~~ it will flourish under him — Masters of ships that have visited the island speak highly of his accommodating and polite treatment; and from my own observations I [illegible] they [illegible] statements of him ~~can a confirm entirely with their opinions~~

The moral laws which he has established are well calculated for the permanent good of the colonists — A yearly tax of a few dollars is imposed upon each male resident, which it is his desire should be paid in labor upon the roads, ~~and~~ or other general improvements that ~~are making~~ may be in operation — All kinds of spirituous liquors are prohibited as contraband; and ~~the~~ commanders of all vessels ~~that~~ arr[illegible] their arrival are particularly requested not to give even a gl to any of the Islanders. This looks well — and there is no doubt ~~but~~ that much good must arise from it; but it is to be feared that in many instances very little regard is paid the Governor's law or injunction, ~~is of~~ and that ~~many~~ much of the poison liquid finds its way among the settlers. One instance of the kind has come within my knowledge, which I shall shortly mention — Harbouring seamen that have deserted from ships is proscribed under penalty of banishment from the colony — Land is granted to the settlers on ~~the most~~ for a very trifle and on the most accommodating terms as respect payment —

The colony is planted in a beautiful and fertile valley under a mountain of considerable height — in the SW part of the island, ~~and~~ about five miles from the harbour, — and equidistant from Black Beach, another convenient landing place — the roads ~~leading from the shore~~ are, at present are in a bad condition, being not better than foot paths ~~such~~ [illegible] ~~only~~ [illegible] been ~~only~~ broken. Their houses like other new settlements — are rudely constructed, ~~but~~ of [illegible] materials ~~but they answer~~; however, they screen the inmates from the ~~hot~~ noonday sun and night dews, and probably they are tolerably comfortable in the rainy season — the continual mildness of the weather counteracts the necessity of having the walls ~~tight~~ closed! —

more prolific soil ~~A richer soil~~, probably cannot be found anywhere, ~~and~~ all that is requisite to insure good crops, is planting the seed — there is ~~no~~ kind of vegetable that has been made trial of here, what have arrived at the greatest perfection in quality and yielded surprising abundance in quantity — Indian corn, Irish & Sweet Potatoes — squashes, pumpkins, onions, ~~water~~ melons — cucumbers — cabbages, cauliflowers &c &c are the common productions — ~~These advantages together with the convenience with which whale ships may stop here is~~ the ~~island~~ being on the vicinity ~~where many~~ of them ~~ships cruise — will without doubt make it a place of resort~~ ere long ~~general resort for those that cruise off there~~

Only one difficulty ~~is~~ ~~that of obtaining water remains — At~~ present ~~it is brought from the village to the shore in panniers or breakers, on the backs of donkeys, which~~ is ~~a very~~ both tedious ~~and expensive~~. ~~This difficulty~~ inconvenience ~~however~~ is shortly to be remedied ~~by the laying of an aqueduct which~~ is to convey the water to ~~the beach, and when this is accomplished ships can be accommodated with every thing necessary to recruit well for a long cruise~~ — Wood may be got anywhere along the shore with very little trouble — Terrapin are scarce on the leeward side of the island but there are several places where boats may land to windward in smooth weather and find them [illegible] and convenient to the water — These advantages together with [illegible] the island being in the vicinity where many of them cruise; will without doubt make [illegible] a place of general resort for such as cruise

off

the [illegible] are different [illegible] part of [illegible] water — [illegible] It is brought from the ~~village~~ valley to the beach in [illegible] or [illegible] on donkeys backs — which is both tedious and [illegible]; but the ~~difficulty~~ inconvenience is shortly to be remedied by the laying of an aqueduct which will convey ~~the~~ water to the shore and then [illegible] ships may find every thing necessary to recruit ~~forth~~ for a long cruise, ~~an~~ at very moderate prices —

Many of the colonists have been ~~men~~ of high rank and consequence upon the Main — they adhered however to the Royalists [illegible] secretly and since the late Mexican ~~Revolution~~ Commotions had been ~~trying~~ endeavoring to sow the seeds of discord among the Patriots and create a Counter-Revolution — their actions ~~was~~ were watched with eagle eyes until their [illegible] disclosed ~~when~~ their [illegible] they were arraigned for conspiracy — their own efforts [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ themselves — tried — ~~an~~ the leaders sentenced to death — other to imprisonment — ~~the Colonel [illegible] [illegible] several other officers of distinction~~ but through the intercession and interest of Col. Valisnit and his exertions in their behalf — the rest were remanded — ~~and~~ the exchange to — banishment from the country for a term of years ~~and~~ —

After this happy result, Col. V— took the delinquents under his own protection and with him they emigrated at the solicitude to [illegible] to settle the new Colony of Hermana — Such an action as this ought, and must speak volumes for the Colonel's benevolence and goodness of heart; and if what is ~~true~~ [illegible] he is richly rewarded for his solicitude by seeing these very men change their ~~[illegible]~~ sentiments and come out firm Republicans —

The circumstance to which I referred of Ardent spirits being bartered to the settlers — I am sorry to say happened on board our own ship — Had it not been ~~immediately~~ transacted under my own immediate observation I could scarce have credited it, such was the exalted opinion I entertained of ~~him~~ our Capt — But the black mark must be made! And to do it is a task I had

had rather had ~~not~~ fallen to 2d another ~~my~~ lot, ~~but~~ as it is to be understood I shall be obliged to go back and ~~[illegible]~~ give an account of the manner in which we entered on the Ship's articles in N Bedford &c &c — —

At the time we shipped for the voyage the practice of sending ships to sea without ~~any~~ spirits (which by the bye, to serve all alike, is the best thing that ever happened) was becoming common. And to follow the general rule of reform all our the ship's Company were perfectly willing: It was therefore agreed and expressly stipulated upon the articles that no Ardents (a little Alcohol for med purp ex) would be allowed the ship by the owners; but, in lieu of which good W.I. Coffee and plenty of spruce beer — Accordingly all went on very well for a while ~~length of~~ time excepting that spruce beer was rather an uncommon than common drink; but in the course of time the fact was ascertained that there were different kinds of Spirits among the cabin stores exclusive of the three and thirty gallon cask of N.E. Rum, which should have been bottled and put in the medicine chest, but ~~was~~ instead of which — on account of its bulk I presume — was stowed in the run of the ship. Whether these liquors were put on board by the owners, whether they were ~~they were~~ the Capt's private property and brot by him or whether they got on board in some ~~any~~ other way I know not, but this much I know, that three fourths or more of the Ship's Co. wished they had been left behind according to agreement — when St Charles' Island we were 25 months out with 2000 bbls oil, had only one season more at the extent ~~more~~ to cruise — and as ~~our~~ N.E.R. had found but a small market in the way of medicine and ~~like~~ would probably remain in rather dull demand for that use, I suppose our Capt was a little perplexed to devise a way to get rid of it ~~[illegible]~~ be ~~and~~ other we take ~~all~~ these things into consideration — ~~that~~ and also an illicit trafic could be carri on to his peculiar advantage without the fear of being discovered; I say taking these circumstances under due consideration can it be wondered at that the cabin of our far famed Temperance Ship was turned into a grog shop where Rum was retailed ~~sold~~ at the price of $1 per gall — cash or barter! — Such is the fact, and I shall not stop to comment upon the cause nor effects but merely notice that the colonists lost the only boat they had of any value, (the crew of which four in number barely escaped with their lives) by the liquor; and also that if our Steward's head had not made of very solid materials it must have been sundered or smashed by the canvass bag — two feet in length, containing some 12 or 15 lbs of nails — with which he was beaten; — As it is I believe his cranium is only softened a little —— But enough of this the affair is of too serious a nature to be ~~made~~ trifled with ~~light~~ of — and ~~though~~ I shall say no more on the subject ——

We obtained an abundant supply of Terapin and stock of good wood also some pumpkins &c here — ~~we~~ laying in port 7 days — — Ship Isaac Howland Austin Arrd the 17th from Tombez — 24 mo out 1350 bbls — Ship Leroy of Nantucket arrd 21st — 14 mo out 500 bbls.

On the 22d December we took our anchor and stood to sea bound for Lee Bay and a cruise upon the western ground ~~[illegible]~~ in our expectations of ~~[illegible]~~ ~~filling~~ speedily getting ~~all~~ what oil we wanted and soon ~~having~~ enjoying the pleasure of steering for home — ~~We~~ /

We proceeded directly around Albemarle Narboro Islands and cruising a few days about Lee Bay a bay that is formed ~~makes~~ by ~~between~~ these ~~two~~ islands the passage between them being very narrow — where many sperm whales have been taken, and it was one of the resorts of Com Porter in the Essex frigate) in company with ships Charles Carroll of Nantucket 13 months out 1100 bbls Orozimbo of N Bedford 7 mo — 350 — and Amazon of Fair Haven 6 month out 15 bbls — saw only one whale here which was taken by the C. C —

On the 30th D we steered to the westward and on the 31st early in the morning descried a large shoal of whales — pursued them until 11 o'clock A. M. when the starboard boat got up with and struck a large whale but before the other boats could get to her assistance the fish sounded out all their line and run to windward — pursued the chase until noon ~~when the whale was up for~~ when having lost ground each rising he was given up and the boats returned to the ships — At 1 P. M. descried another shoal six miles to leeward breaching — At 2 lowered the boats again in pursuit & the starboard boat again fastened and took a 30 bbl whale — the rest of the ~~school~~ shoal made off in a hurry to ~~windward~~ leeward — the other boats followed them several risings, but, finding they lost ground gave up the chase @ 3. 30 p.m. —

Jany 2d captured another whale of 25 bbls

~~13th~~ We steered to the S & westward until the 12th at night when we were in Lat 5 South and long 102 West ~~the what~~ (from 100 to 120 West and from the Equator to 8 South is called the western ground) ~~and shorten~~ sail and lay by for the night — the day following ~~fell~~ saw several ships — spoke with the Pacific of N. Bedford 11 months out — 900 bbls — Ann Perry of Portsmouth N H 14 months 400 bbls — afternoon of same these two ships got a large whale in Co — —

~~Afternoon~~ By the Pacific I recd letters from home dated Jany '33 — the first ~~I~~ since I left home

14th at daylight several sail in sight among them the Pacific & A. Ferry cutting to leeward — — At 8 A.M. saw a pod of large whales at 9 lowered the boats in pursuit at 11 A.M. struck two of the whales and got them alongside at 2 P.M. —

15th ~~We~~ spoke ships Isaac Howland, Austin (had seen no whales since we left [illegible] Charles Island) And [illegible] the Potter of N. Bedford W. T. 40 months out 25 hund bbls wanting 1[illegible] to fill up

16th Supplied the W. T. with 2 pipes bread

18th In company with the I. H. and A. L. — sold the I. H. rigging and provisions — Also our spare boat —

19th Spoke Ship Barclay, Coffin — 33 mo out 1300 bbls

22d — At 10 A.M. spoke Ship Abigail, Clark of N. Bed- 26 months out with 1600 bbls — our Capt went on board to pass the day and at sundown both ships lay by to give the crews an opportunity of interchanging evening visits, or, as the whalemen term it an evening gam — —

— The Abigail belongs chiefly to the ~~our~~ same owners as the Russell and sailed from the N. Bt a few days later than ourselves — On her last voyage she was unusually fortunate being absent only 24 months and turned out in N. Bedford 2480 bbls oil — — We are considered as rival ships there being some beaver hats, gloves &c pending at stake between the merchants at home upon the result of our voyages. Of course either commander and ships Company have been desirous to outdo their competitor — The following will show how we keeped to the ~~present~~ this date

close of first season	Abigail	550	Russell		300
" — 2 — do	"	800	do		1000
" — 3 — do	"	1550	do		2000
22d Jany	"	1600	do		2250

to-day

leaving the Abigail in want of 1050 bbls to fill up and we [illegible] 200 to complete our fare —

The A. has had the advantage in regard to boats, having had four in readiness for whaling whereas we have had but three they say however they use their fourth boat but seldom — They have seen more whales than we but for some cause have not been so fortunate — The crew complain bitterly of hard usage and short allowance of provisions ~~(this~~ is not ~~the case~~ so with us) and it is not improbable that ~~it~~ this may have been a damper to their ardour — It is a well demonstrated fact (and it is strange that masters or even owners are so blinded to their own interest as to act in opposition to it!) that ships ~~that~~ which are well provisioned where ~~the usage~~ the crews are used like men, instead of being lorded over more inhumanly than are the most abject slaves, as is too often the case — will eventually make good voyages and generally short ones — Whales are not so plenty as formerly and there are so many ships now in the business that one can scarcely blow above water but ~~there will~~ a fleet of boats are ready to ~~pounce on him~~ pounce upon him; consequently, and very naturally the fish are shy — and what are taken must be by hard pulling and skillful management — Now ~~it~~ I think it preposterous to suppose that ~~a~~ ships can do well where the crews are not only half starved but likewise abused and maltreated by those in office over them ~~as~~

24th — descried a shoal of whales and captured two cows about — 30 bbls. 27th saw whales but got none
30th spoke Ship Mercator — ~~[illegible]~~ Sprague — 6½ month out 15 bbls — —

Feby. 1st Spoke Ship Eagle of N. Bed. 6 months out 300 bbls
& Isaac Howland — same oil as when we ~~last~~ spoke her —
4th Spoke Ship Corinthian of Bristol 14 mo. out — 200 bbls
5th saw the Wm Thompson, boats chase a large whale to windward — did not get up with him — several other ships in sight —

5th. In the morning saw a pod of large whales off our lee going East to the southward. chased them with the ship until 10 A.M. when the boats were lowered and a 50 bbl whale taken —

7th Spoke Ship, Gov. Clinton Ludlow of Sagharbour 8 months out 150

From the 8th to the 16th the weather was rugged and nothing seen

17th At daylight discovered two ships off our lee bow and we soon perceived they were manoeuvering for whales — bore up for them immediately and at 7.30 saw one of the ships take a whale alongside At 8 discovered the whales, and at 9 lowered the boats in pursuit — not very sanguine of success because both other ships had given up the Chase; however, we got a 50 bbl whale by hard pulling and got him alongside ~~at~~ a little after noon — The two ships in Co were the Frances, Ally 15 mo 1100 ~~[illegible]~~ B. and Robt. Edwards Howland of N.B. — the F. got a whale — —

18th Spoke the Frances Ally and Phoenix, Stetson — The P. 33 months out with 2000 bbls — just from Japan and bound home — not full by 1500 Capt Stetson reported the Japan fleet to have had generally very bad success the two last seasons —

20 Spoke the Frances, Phoenix and Robt Edwards and had a general gam in the evening — The R. E. was 27 months out 1700 bbls — fell in with an acquaintance and ~~fellow~~ townsfellow on board of her — A— C— — he is cooper of the ship and stands in high repute for abilities — and correct deportment

From this time to the 8th of March we cruised upon ~~this~~ ground and saw nothing — (our ships alone excepted) — The weather for the most part had been rugged and as one 80 bbl whale was all that we were in want of to complete our fare all hands were eager to be on the homeward passage and trust to ~~future~~ the chance of getting one going up the coast — Accordingly ~~our~~ on the 9th we steered to the southward on the wind under all sail bound to Talcahuano to paint ship, ~~fit~~ for doubling the Cape and recruit for home —

The weather —

The weather was very fine and the winds light until the 20th inst
when we were in latitude 28 south and longitude 105 west, and at 9 A.M
descried the spout of a sperm whale 1½ miles distant off the weather bow
He had just emerged from the sun's [illegible] — had he been in any other direction
we should have seen him at a greater distance — At 10 ~~saw~~ discerned
another whale a mile farther distant — Every man on board from the Capt
to the cook ~~[illegible]~~ were now in high spirits & eager for the engagement — ~~an~~
every moment from the time we saw the first whale until the boats were in
the water seemed a tedious suspense — But none of us knew the days we
we had before us — The whales manœuvered so that whilst one was down
the other stopt up ~~which~~ and this made it much more difficult to keep the
run of a single whale, which was highly important — At 10.30
the Quarter boats were lowered and we ~~chased~~ pursued the whales two risings
without success ~~they~~ we were then called alongside ~~to the ship~~ and the ship contin-
ued the chase while all hands ~~got~~ were at dinner — At 1 o'clk, all
the boats were lowered — We were so eager in the chase ~~that we got~~ that the boat
get in advance of the Sternmost whale and several times close
~~to~~ to the other — Our ~~the~~ Capt perceiving that there was a whale
astern and that he might probably the next rising come
up near the ship, made a signal for the nearest boat to
come alongside — The signal was answered by the Larboard boat
and we continued the pursuit ~~with the~~ other ~~boats~~ as before but
rather losing ground and pretty well tired — At 5 P.M.
Signals were made from the ship that the Larboard boat was
fast to the ~~other~~ weather whale — ~~The~~ ~~two~~ other boats were now between 3 &
4 miles to leeward and it was not proper for one ~~boat~~ to attempt
to kill the whale while the others were so far distant — In
25 minutes from the time the signal was made the Starboard
boat got up and fastened to the whale — having been sailing
dead to windward at the rate of 7½ miles ꝑ hour at the least calculation
The fish had a notion of being a little ugly snapt his jaws
~~and~~ floundered and threw the water about him in all directions
but two or three good lances ~~[illegible]~~ made him throw up columns
of blood instead of water and after taking a few ~~circuits~~ turns around

in a small circle and striking the water with his flukes as he writhes in the agony of death ~~stretches~~ he extended himself full length ~~stream~~ and lay floating a lifeless ~~floater~~ floa— a lifeless monster —

After three hearty cheers ~~all~~ the boats in a line took the prize ~~him~~ in tow and at sundown we had him alongside and well secured with fluke ropes —

Pulling at an oar is hard work at the best — but when in pursuit of ~~a~~ whales where a man if he had the least ambition ~~life~~ will exert himself to the uttermost is doubly so — When I got on board I felt hardly able to carry my ~~body~~ about the deck, and I believe there were none of the ship's Co but what felt equally as bad — However, we shortened sail — got a warm supper — came on deck — to look at the ~~our~~ result of our days work; and as for myself — fatigue vanished ~~with as the thou~~ while ~~as~~ I stood looking at the huge leviathan and the thoughts of home, and a happy termination of our voyage rushed upon me; indeed I was loath to leave the ~~fleet~~ view and reflections — which tho tinged with bitter recollection of the past seemed to strengthen my resolves for the future — even when the hour of 10 had past and the whole ship's Company — (save ~~two~~ men on the watch) were wrapt in "natures sweet restorer, balmy sleep" —

At daylight the next morning, we got our cutting tackles aloft and commenced cutting — At 2 P M finished cutting and at 3 commenced boiling — 29th finished boiling — and the following morning threw our try works overboard ~~Throwed up~~ 9 And now

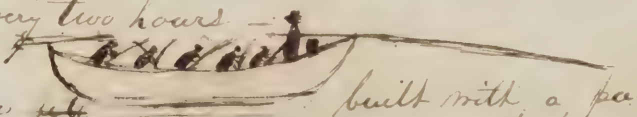
29 As we have got through with whaling perhaps a description of the equipments for and manner of ~~taking~~ Capturing and ~~cutting~~ ~~taking~~ care ~~this huge Leviathan~~ of ~~the deep~~ of whales may not be uninteresting —

In the first place ~~than~~ the most ships are fitted at great cost ~~for the business~~ and in the [illegible] of that ~~at the want~~ of long experience in the trade ~~has~~ shown to be the cheapest in the end: that is well found in provisions, (the ~~many~~ some there are to this day who are well found in other respects that are but ill ~~20 ca~~ of provisions) boats, casks, rigging, whalelines, harpoons, lances & other necessaries ~~on~~ belonging to the business: and above all a hard [illegible] crew [illegible]

~~action~~ [illegible]

Voyages are badly pointed unless the harpooners & boat [illegible] are [illegible] to the performing of their respective duties —

~~One great, ship down~~ Immediately after the thing after a ship leaves home, the crew are divided equally into two watches for the passage — the boat's crews are chosen — boats [illegible] for whaling and a man kept at each mast head to look out for whales & are relieved every two hours —



The boats are ~~[illegible]~~ built with a particular regard to lightness and speed in rowing — manned by 5 oarsmen the forward one being the harpooner and a sixth the boat header — They are fitted with three irons or harpoons & two lances which are kept in constant readiness above the thwarts ~~and~~ and a ~~that~~ number of spare irons and ~~a~~ lances which are stowed under the thwarts for cases of emergency: — the lines are commonly about 300 fathoms in length which are coiled in a tub between the two aftermost thwarts — In the head or stem of the boat is a notch or as the whalemen term it a chock for the line to run through when going out ~~of~~ the or coming into boat and in the stern is a loggerhead round which to take the line either to hold the boat when a whale is running or to make it fast to when towing — The other articles are drugs which are square pieces of plank about a foot square with a rope or line attached to the centre of them by which to fasten them to the line for the purpose of checking a whale's speed when sounding —; nippers for the hands with which to cling to the line, a spade, to cut a hole in the whale's head for a towline — a hatchet in the head & a knife in either end of the boat to cut if necessary — a double forked crotch which sits in the gunwale and in which is rested the harpoon [illegible] with pursuing whales — two kegs of water — a keg containing lantern candles & ~~tinder~~ [illegible] buckets for ~~bailing~~ to bale with &c — ~~and~~ a compass and signal [illegible] Directly under ~~the~~ each oar man is a cleat fastened to the boat [illegible] a hole in it sufficiently large to receive the end of the oar for the double purpose ~~to~~ of easing the arms when not pulling or to keep the oar secure when the oarsman is engaged hauling line or attending to some other part of the action —

So soon as a whale is descried from the ~~main~~ mast head — the boats are got in readiness for lowering: — ~~and~~ the Capt with his glass keeps sight of the whale at the mast head; and the ship is manoeuvred so as to bring the fish in the most advantageous situation — this object being attained the boats are lowered and away they go in high glee for the onset — Sometimes ~~they~~ may go ~~up~~ directly on to the fish [illegible] and fasten to him before he goes down with little or no trouble but ~~it is~~ more frequently ~~[illegible]~~ they chase him several [illegible] especially of the whale beneath the boat — but, allowing ~~the lee~~ ~~the~~ boat to ~~be fast to a larger~~ whale to come up with the whale — they keep directly after him until the head of the boat is [illegible] square with the whale's flukes when ~~the be~~ she is sheered a little to one side so as to ~~let~~ allow her to shoot up along side the fish oars [illegible] off — when far enough forward the word is given by the boat header "stand up harpooner" — ~~and~~ the head of the boat is at the same time laid towards the fish — the order "Dart" follows ~~and as~~ and in the same breath as the irons fly "Stern All" is shouted and the boat is backed stern foremost out of the suds — for when a harpoon first enters a whale ten to one but he stirs the element into a commotion around him and ~~it~~ that boat is lucky to get off without a crack — ~~with the~~ ~~whale's~~ [illegible] — As he strikes with his flukes or tail he generally darts forward and runs a little distance with amazing velocity; and as the boat is held with several turns of the line around the loggerhead — ~~the boat~~ she of course moves with the same speed and her crew must be careful to sit steady in the boat; ~~as~~ because the least mism[illegible] at such a time might upset her — After running a ~~little~~ short distance say [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ to [illegible] [illegible] 3/4 of a mile — he ~~is off~~ commonly brings ~~to stop~~ ~~[illegible]~~ and lies some time eyeing the ocean ~~water~~ with his jaw and flukes [illegible] ~~[illegible] — if he is a large fish he is left to himself until the second boat is fast to him~~ — this is the time that a boat should be on the spot to lance him — if ~~the fish is~~ the fish be a large one they ~~go~~ usually await the second boat's fastening altogether or near before attempting to kill him — next the line is hauled in to the boat until she is within some six or eight fathoms, when the bite of the line is ~~passed~~ taken in abreast of the bow thwart ~~and~~ the bowman hauls the boat along side the whale ~~and~~ the boat header lances him: When a ~~boat~~ whale inclines to fight much instead of hauling along side of him the boat is pulled square up to him, every man at his oar in readiness to stern off as the lance flies — either of these methods as ~~the~~ occasion requires ~~are~~ practised until the whale is dead — or rather until ~~the whale throws~~ columns ~~of blood high in air from his spout hole~~ thick blood ooze from the spout hole where a few minutes before columns of [illegible] — and then the boats are [illegible] until the fish turns up, which is generally in from [illegible] minutes — not however until he has taken several turns [illegible] in a circle [illegible] and almost invariably with the head to [illegible] [illegible] the water which is reddened with blood into a [illegible] the splashing of his flukes rolling, ~~and~~ pitching, and ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~ this by the whalemen is termed the death flurry, and ~~this is the~~ it is at this time that the ~~greatest~~ strictest precaution is requisite in the management of the boats —

Soon as the fish is dead the boats make up to him [illegible] [illegible] and a hole is cut through the blubber of the [illegible] through which a warp is rove and bent to the end of a long [illegible] towing — the ship is to leeward forced to run to the ship for the purpose of hauling him alongside. The blubber is then taken off in large masses called blanket pieces by means of spades & tackles — the whale hove in and the case bailed. — It is then cut into pieces from [illegible] inches by 24 inches and put upon a ~~[illegible]~~ table or "horse" and cut into thin slices with a knife similar to a currier's which process is called mincing. ~~[illegible]~~ these being done nothing remains but to boil it out, fill the casks, cooper them and stow them below. And thus much for whaling —

Our course was direct and our passage favorable toward our port after taking the last whale and on the 13th April we anchored in Talcahuano harbour —

Here we found a considerable number of whale ships ~~most~~ some of which we had fallen in with at ~~some~~ a previous ~~part~~ period of the voyage [illegible] together with those that arrived while we lay in port make the following list viz — Weymouth, Nantucket, 32 mo. 1300 — [illegible] Nantucket — 1600, 24 mo. [illegible] Nantucket — 1600. 17 mo. — [illegible] — do. 1800 — 33 mo — Elizabeth. 800. 22 mo — Wm. Thompson 2700 43 mo. Mercury 5 mo. no oil, Triton 2100 35 mo all of Nantucket Charles Drew Fairhaven. 1800. 33 mo — Almira Edgartown 5 mo. 70 Pacific of Halifax 1800, 27

~~Commenced~~ [illegible] —

~~While here we painted the ship in hull and spars,~~

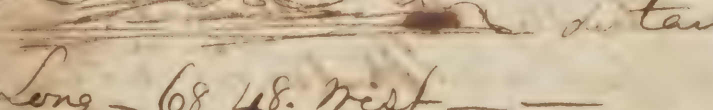
The weather, being stormy ~~foggy~~ for several days, was a detriment to us in the ~~work~~ painting and refitting the ship, consequently our stay in port was longer than ~~we~~ had been expected. However during the fifteen we stowed water and the ship [illegible] days we ~~got our~~ spars and hull painted, light spars from aloft — all things secured about the decks and the ship in ~~good~~ order for ~~doubling~~ Cape Horn weather —

Our recruit consisted of 25 bbls potatoes 15 bbls onions — 12 bbls apples 2 hampers grapes 1 do pears a quantity of cabbages beets &c and 2 quarters of a bullock fresh — this is a fair ~~sample~~ specimen of the ship's recruits at different ports where we have been — all vegetables fruit &c that ~~whatever~~ could be obtained, however high the price, have been bought by the Capt — Our employers allow it and it is their interest to do so. Where men are well fed and well treated — I repeat what I have said before they will be contented, and tho' they may for a while have bad luck, yet they will be true to ~~stay~~ the ship and officers and eventually ~~they~~ will make good voyages — When such usage [illegible] generally Desertions will be few and Mutinies unheard of —

The above ~~statement of~~ recruit for a homeward passage only — which could not be expected to exceed three months — is double in quantity what some ships got at T. for six months cruises; — ~~and~~ ~~also~~ for fruit there are very few that ever get any —

We remained at T. until the 28th March — and each watch as usual had several days liberty on shore — ~~I [illegible]~~ I had intended ~~visit~~ going to ~~the city~~ Conception, but the accounts received from others that visited it ~~first~~ were such, that I concluded it would hardly be worth the time and expense, — ~~I [illegible]~~ for However enough may be seen at the port to ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ make one acquainted with the Chilians and I am confirmed in the opinion I have from more [illegible] observation [illegible] [illegible] of them

On the morning of the 2[illegible] in co with the ship Mary of Nantucket, we got under
weigh with a light breeze run the coast and ~~and~~ we stood down the bay
in the afternoon & following calm we anchored under Caracena there
[illegible] 29th at 9 A.M. a breeze springing from the [illegible] and
we were soon again under way. the Mary of Nantucket for a
cruise and the Triton of N. Bedford bound for [illegible] in Co — A fine
breeze throughout the day — parted Co from the Mary at night and lost sight of them
fall — ~~lost sight~~ of the Triton was ~~kept~~ the following day until
4 P.M. when she went out of sight off our larboard quarter

In lat 36 we ~~encountered~~ encountered a heavy gale which lasted 24
hours ~~fine weather~~. The ship being very ~~deep~~ and a good deal and was rather an imperfect
of weight on deck, laboured considerably, however she made as
good weather as could be expected —. From 40 to 42 lat we
had several days light and adverse winds — Spoke the ship
Balance of and from Bristol R.I. 5½ months out 70 bbls oil
~~from 42 to 46~~ our run was good and the weather not over rough
~~On~~ the 15th at 8 A.M. descried the Diego Islands —
bearing  N.N.E. distant 20 miles —
Lat 56 30 — Long — 68.48. West — —
~~We now~~ the winds were strong and fair after
rounding the promontory — and our little ~~ship~~ bark
under a heavy press of canvass rolled off majestically before
it ~~— On the 15th & 16th we passed the group~~ either
gunwale under water alternately as she reeled too and
fro ~~and con~~ of course we had the cold comfort of wet
decks and wet clothes — On the 18 and 19 ~~May~~ we
passed the lat of ~~group of~~ Falkland Islands — the breeze
BAELENA
still fresh and fair; — and so it continued until
we were in lat 62 South where we encountered
a very ~~heavy~~ heavy gale of wind ~~which lasted~~ continued
about 48 hours — of

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22. —

125
20

145
118
263

125.
150

Cash — 8. 4
Cash — 4. 2
Cash — 4. 2
Shirts ~~Hooters~~
Cigars

17
3.50
3.7.50
8.00
11 24 6 0.